



377th Logistics Readiness Squadron rescues 58th Special Operations Wing helicopter

TEAM KIRTLAND at its best! The 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron worked alongside the 58th Maintenance Squadron, 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 58th Special Operations Wing agencies and L3 Communications Vertex Aerospace Corporation to retrieve a UH-1N helicopter that had a controlled landing, 50-miles off-station, due to engine problems.

The team spent four days analyzing the best course of action to either airlift, transport or perform on-site maintenance to recover the helicopter.

Once transportation was chosen, they spent less than 18 hours to safely acquire, secure and transport the UH-1N back to Kirtland AFB without a scratch, safety incident or delay in supporting the mission.

After the successful recovery, Col. Eric E. Fiel, 58th Special Operations Wing commander, awarded AF Achievement Medals, Civilian Achievement Medals and commanders coins to the active-duty, civilian and contractors (respectively) who played major roles in the helicopter's return. Award recipients include Maj. Bryan Pavlich, Capt. Robert Augugliaro, Capt. Jondavid DuVall, Master Sgt. Courtney Bloom, Michael Rariden, Todd Kampmier, Tech. Sgt. Mark Burruss, Tech. Sgt. Eric Lyke, Tech Sgt. Johannes Eg, Staff Sgt. Michael Livesay, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Mumaw, Staff Sgt. Brent Bobbitt, Airman 1st Class Ryan Olney, Gary Smith, Chuck Pritchette, Manuel Munoz and Bill Waller.



Photos by Capt. Jondavid DuVall

